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(57) **Abstract:** This invention relates to ionic liquids and their use as solvents in biocatalysis. According to a first aspect of the invention there is provided a method of carrying out an enzyme-catalysed reaction comprising providing a liquid reaction medium which comprises an ionic liquid including an ion which comprises a functional group selected from the group consisting of alkenyl, hydroxyl, amino, thio, carbonyl and carboxyl groups, providing in the liquid reaction medium an enzyme and a substrate for the enzyme, and allowing reaction of the substrate to occur.

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